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SUBJECT: THAILAND'S SUPPLEMENTARY TARIFF AND NTM
REQUESTS

REF: (A) GENEVA A-129, (B) GENEVA 3919, (C) STATE 77765

1. US MTN DEL RECEIVED APRIL 4 THAILAND'S SUPPLEMENTARY
AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL MFN TARIFF AND NTM REQUESTS
IN RESPONSE TO OUR DECEMBER 16 LETTER. AS FORM OF
SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIATED TREATMENT, THAILAND SEEKS
IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF TARIFF CONCESSIONS AND
MAINTENANCE OF GSP MARGINS OF PREFERENCE ON SPECIFIC
AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS. THE LISTS WERE
SENT TO WASHINGTON APRIL 5 (AIRGRAM A-129). AS REGARDS
CONTRIBUTIONS, THAI DEL IN COVER LETTER STATED THAT US
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REQUESTS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERA-
TION BUT CAUTIONED RESPONSE WOULD LIKELY BE CONDITIONED
BY THE COUNTRY'S WIDENING TRADE AND PAYMENTS DEFICIT.
THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY EXCLUDES REQUESTS FOR MAINTENANCE
OF GSP MARGINS, REQUESTS ON U.S. ECONOMIC EXCEPTIONS,
AND REQUESTS ALREADY MET IN US AGRICULTURAL OFFER.

2. SUPPLEMENTARY AGRICULTURAL REQUESTS (I.E. ADDITIONAL REQUESTS AND REQUESTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS). THAILAND REQUESTS ELIMINATION OF DUTIES ON TSUS 11301, 14014, 14035 AND 19057 AND A 60 PERCENT REDUCTION OF DUTIES ON 1123040, 11420, 14560, 16184, 17032, 17060, 18298 AND EX 19220 (EX ORCHIDS). IN ADDITION, THAILAND REQUESTS REMOVAL OF TARIFF RATE QUOTA ON 1123040.

3. INDUSTRIAL REQUESTS (I.E. REQUESTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS). THAILAND IS REQUESTING GREATER THAN FORMULA CUTS (60 PERCENT REDUCTIONS) ON TSUS 31091, 31580/85/90/95, 32010/20/30, 32310, 32610/20, 32930, 36677/79, 37310, 37865, 3800446, 3803935/39, 3808135/37, 3808420/55, 3820002/22/26/30/54, 3820401/07/25/39/43/64, 3820680, 3821220/24, 3823310/22/42/44/52/62/68, 3827801/07/09/51/59/79/88, 3828106/08/10/28, 60154, 62403, 6876031/36/43/81, 70440/45/85, 72026/28/30, AND 72710. IN ADDITION, THAILAND IS REQUESTING CONSULTATIONS ON EXPORT RESTRAINTS ON ITEMS 70440, 70445, AND 70485.

4. COMMENT: APPRECIATE EARLY CONSIDERATION OF THAILAND'S ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL REQUESTS AS THESE ARE COVERED BY REQUEST/OFFER PROCEDURES OF GROUP AGRICULTURE. RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THAILAND'S AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL TARIFF REQUESTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS OF US OFFER, HOWEVER, NEED NOT BE CONSIDERED UNTIL THAILAND TABLES RESPONSE TO OUR REQUESTS.
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